

**Town of Groton  
Selectmen's Meeting Minutes  
January 5, 2010  
7:00pm**

**In Attendance: Mike Brogna, Miles Sinclair, Kyle Andrews, Pamela Hamel (AA)**

**Audience Members Present**

Mike called the meeting to order at 6:58pm. Appointments, announcements and minutes of the December 29 selectmen's meeting were read. **Mike made a motion to approve the minutes as written, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

Bruce Jones has agreed to submit a new letter of resignation changing the date to effective immediately.

The Board conducted the interviews for the cleaning position.

Glen Hansen spoke with LGC and the State Highway Department. Both cited RSA giving the Road Agent right of way to plow on the wrong side of the road. LGC will be submitting something in writing to the Board. One of Glen's assistants has reported seeing Mr. Miller out on Bailey Hill Road with his tractor. Glen is concerned about the liability of a resident working in the town's right of way as Mr. Miller comes out on the road as much as 15-20 feet below Betty's Lane to make cutouts. Glen has no issue with residents coming into the road clearing back banks at their road or driveway entrances or to turn around. The Board would like to approach this cautiously as many property owners do what they need to do to keep their driveways and roadways open. They would like Glen to draft a letter for their review that could be sent to Mr. Miller or any other resident who is using their equipment for snow removal in the town's right of way.

Mike asked Glen about plowing the first driveway on Edgar Albert Road. Glen is not aware of any of his assistants clearing that driveway. He will look into it.

**Miles made a motion to table Mr. Miller's complaint until they get the draft letter from Glen, Mike 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board is looking into the complaint about the Bentley trailer on Bailer Hill Road. It sits on John Faucher's property and is in lien for back taxes. Recently, the metal was stripped off the trailer. The Board will meet with the Fire Chief and Health officer to view the site to determine whether or not there are any health or fire violations. They would also like to draft a letter to the Bentleys and Fauchers to find out if there are any circumstances that the Board is unaware of and to also let them know that since this trailer is in lien they do not have the right or authority to strip the metal or anything else off the trailer and this action must stop immediately. **Mike made a motion to table this until the work session is set up and the letter is drafted, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

**Miles made a motion to sign the Timber Tax Warrant for Piggyback Mtn. Realty Trust, Map 4 Lot 10 for \$494.14, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

There will be a community CPR and AED class sponsored by the Hebron Fire Department, EMS Division, on Saturday, February 13 from 8am to 1pm. Cost is \$10 per person with an additional \$10 for the CPR mask. The flyer did not say where the class is being held or if it is mandatory attendance for town employees who work in the Town House as the building is equipped with an AED machine. Pam will be in touch with Patti Oakley for these answers. If it is mandatory then the town will pay for the employees to attend. **Miles made a motion to find out if it is mandatory and, if not, make employees aware of the training and encourage them to attend, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

The Board set up a budget work session for Tuesday, January 12 at 4pm. They are looking to meet with Roger Thompson, Mike Lemieux and any other department heads that they have not yet met with as well as to discuss possible warrant articles.

**Miles made a motion to have the budget hearing on Tuesday, January 26, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

In preparation for possible warrant articles Pam will contact Chuck Stata for a copy of the latest water test results and look at the warrant article which established the Town House Capital Reserve Fund to determine if there are any expenditure limitations. The town house water has been causing some problems with the boiler and a couple of the exterior doors need some repair/replacement.

The Board let Jo O'Connor know that a copy of Ken Knowlton's (Junkyard Dog) summary of work accomplished in 2009 is available in the office. Mr. Knowlton reported progress on several sites. One or two might end up in court. He will look to continue his work in the spring.

**Miles made a motion to seal the non public minutes from the Board's earlier meeting, Kyle 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.** Because the Board was able to accomplish all of their non public work prior to the selectmen's meeting, they had no need to go into a non public session as scheduled on the agenda.

**Mike made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm, Miles 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, so voted.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Pamela Hamel  
Administrative Assistant